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THE BOMB EXPLOSION CASE IN SEMARANG – CENTRAL JAVA

In September 1997, the bomb exploded at the house of Abdul Hadi, No. 11 Blok D-VIII, in a housing complex in Plamongan Indah, Batusari, Kecamatan Mranggen, Kabupaten Demak, Central Java.

I. In connection with this incident, four East Timor youths were arrested in jalan Timur II No. 483, Semarang, by security forces and URC from the police force of Semarang.

Below are the list of the suspects :

1. Name : Ivo Salvador Soares Miranda
   Place/Date of Birth : Viqueque, 24 September 1977
   Education : Student of ABA OXFORD Semarang
   Address : Jl. Lempongsari Barat IV/325 Semarang

2. Name : Fenao Pedro Malta Correia Lebre
   Place/Date of Birth : Dili, 20 October 1977
   Education : Student of ABA OXFORD Semarang
   Address : Perumahan Pedurungan Mahesa Timur II/B 483 Semarang

3. Name : Joaquim Santana
   Place/Date of Birth : Dili, 15 March 1975
   Education : Student of ABA OXFORD Semarang
   Address : Perumahan Mahesa Timur II/B 483 Semarang

4. Name : Domingos Natalino, C.C. da Silva
   Place/Date of Birth : Uatulari, 24 December 1977
   Education : Student of ABA OXFORD Semarang
   Address : Perumahan Pedurungan Mahesa Timur II/B 483 Semarang

When the arrest took place, the police did not bring nor show the arrest order. It reveals that police force are ignorant of their duty as stated under article 18 of the Criminal Pprocedure Code (KUHAP).

The arrest done by Central Java police had ready completed 2 months and 4 days and until now there is no certainty as to which articles were used by Central Java police to justify the arrest made. However, the service information chief (Kadispen) of Central Java police LT. Colonel Bardja stated that they violated article under Act No. 12/Drt/1951 (the death sentence).

As far as we know, the four suspected youths were detained in Central Java police head quarters and that they were denied access to their defense lawyers during investigations.

II. On 15 September 1997 two added suspects; Constantio Dos Santos. (21 years old) and Paulo Jose Pereira (23 years old) were arrested by security force in Dili Port as soon as they got down from the passenger ship K.M Tatamailau. They are now under detention in the Dili police headquarters.

III. On 20 September 1997, 6 East Timorese who were suspected involved in that case jumped over the wall and asked for political asylum in the Austrian Embassy. Up to this time Avelino and his wife Salina and two of their children; Nuno Vicente Pereira Saldanha and Custódio de Jesus Belo are still kept there.

IV. On 3 November 1997 security force again arrested Gil Paulo da Silva in Solo in connection with the above case and who until now is detained at Central Java police headquarters.

V. Today, 18 November 1997 Xanana Gusmao was investigated by a team from general headquarters of R.I police (POLRI) at Cipinang Jail. He was accompanied by defense lawyers from the Indonesian Legal Aid and Human Rights Association **(PBHI)** led by Luhut M.P Pangaribuan, SH., LLM.

Xanana Gusmao was linked with the explosion of the home made bomb which was traced because of his recent meeting with Avelino at Cipinang jail according to the statement made by Colonel Slamet Sidabutar (the East Timor military chief Damrem 164/ Wiradarma Dili). Xanana Gusmao was likewise suspected by security forces for trying to send letter and money in each envelope which is equivalent of US $ 80 @ from his cell to give to East Timor rebels in the hills of East Timor through Constantio Costa dos Santos, who unfortunately was arrested when he arrived at Dili Port.

The following students were arrested in Central Java police headquarters:
1. Ivo Salvador Soares Miranda
2. Fernao Pedro Malta Correia Lebre
3. Joaquim Santana
4. Domingos Natalino C.C da Silva
5. Gil Paulo da Silva

Now the power of Attorney was given to PBHI to accompany them in the court process.

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